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Further, the needless censoring of various media outlets, I feel should be looked into as well. While, I understand that profanity should not be utilized on airways, the right to express one's self should not be taken away more and more each year.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this

matter.

Very truly yours,

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